

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA  
NEW ALBANY DIVISION

MICHAEL LILLARD,	)	
KAREN LILLARD,	)	
JENISSE LILLARD,	)	
JEFFREY LILLARD,	)	
	)	No. 4:16-cv-00135-TWP-TAB
Plaintiffs,	)	
	)	
vs.	)	
	)	
DANIEL HANSEN,	)	
SUE VINJE TRUCKING, INC.,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

**ENTRY ON JURISDICTION**

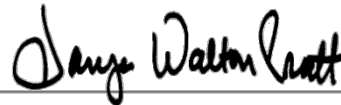
On July 18, 2016, the Plaintiffs filed a Complaint which fails to allege all of the facts necessary to determine whether this Court has subject matter jurisdiction. The Complaint alleges that this Court has jurisdiction based upon diversity of citizenship, however, the notice of removal fails to sufficiently allege the citizenship of the parties. Citizenship is the operative consideration for jurisdictional purposes. *See Meyerson v. Harrah’s E. Chi. Casino*, 299 F.3d 616, 617 (7th Cir. 2002).

In particular, the Complaint alleges that the parties are “resident[s]” of Florida and Minnesota. This allegation of residency is not sufficient to allow the Court to determine whether diversity jurisdiction exists. *See McHanon v. Bunn-O-Matic Corp.*, 150 F.3d 651, 653 (7th Cir. 1998) (“[a]n allegation of residence is inadequate”); *Meyerson*, 299 F.3d at 617 (“residence and citizenship are not synonyms and it is the latter that matters for purposes of the diversity jurisdiction”). In addition, the Complaint fails to allege the state of incorporation of Defendant Sue Vinje Trucking, Inc.

To remedy these deficiencies, the Plaintiffs shall file a supplemental jurisdictional statement to sufficiently establish this Court's jurisdiction over this case. The Plaintiffs' statement must accurately identify the citizenship of the parties and the state of incorporation. The Plaintiffs' supplemental jurisdictional statement is due **fourteen (14) days** after the date of this entry.

**SO ORDERED.**

Date: 8/1/2016



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TANYA WALTON PRATT, JUDGE  
United States District Court  
Southern District of Indiana

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